

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-32 are pending herein. Claims 1 and 4 have been amended to address matters of form only. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added. Claims 15-31 are presently withdrawn from consideration by the PTO.

1. Applicants continue to disagree with the Restriction Requirement in this case, since withdrawn process claims 15-31 all ultimately depend from claim 1.

Accordingly, if claim 1 is found to be allowable, claims 15-31 should be rejoined and allowed, as well.

2. Claims 1-14 and 32 were rejected under §102(b) over Junji et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As clearly recited in independent claim 1, the claimed embossed release paper for synthetic leather production includes a support containing at least paper and an ionizing radiation cured film formed on the support. The upper part of the cured film carries the embossed pattern that creates the texture in the synthetic leather.

Applicants have discovered a specific ionizing radiation curing composition that has superior properties with respect to embossability, heat resistance, durability and separability from two-pack curing type PU adhesives that are typically used in the production of synthetic leather. Please see the examples in the specification at paragraphs [0144]-[0155], for example. The ionizing radiation curing composition is specifically recited in the last two paragraphs of claim 1.

Junji is not at all relevant to the presently claimed invention. Junji simply discloses a polyolefin resin film that is adhered to a support by a radiation curable resin (see Abstract). It is the polyolefin resin film, not the radiation curable resin, that carries the embossed pattern used for providing the texture on the synthetic leather. This fact is clearly stated in the Abstract and in paragraph [0024] of Junji.

It is clear from the foregoing that Junji fails to disclose or suggest a cured film made from the specifically claimed ionizing radiation curing composition, wherein the cured film carries the embossed pattern that forms the texture on the synthetic leather. As such, there is no recognition whatsoever of the superior properties of the claimed ionizing radiation curing composition, as demonstrated throughout the examples in the present specification. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of all grounds of rejection based on Junji are respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that contact with Applicants' attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, the Examiner is herein requested to call Applicants' attorney at the phone number noted below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1446.

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